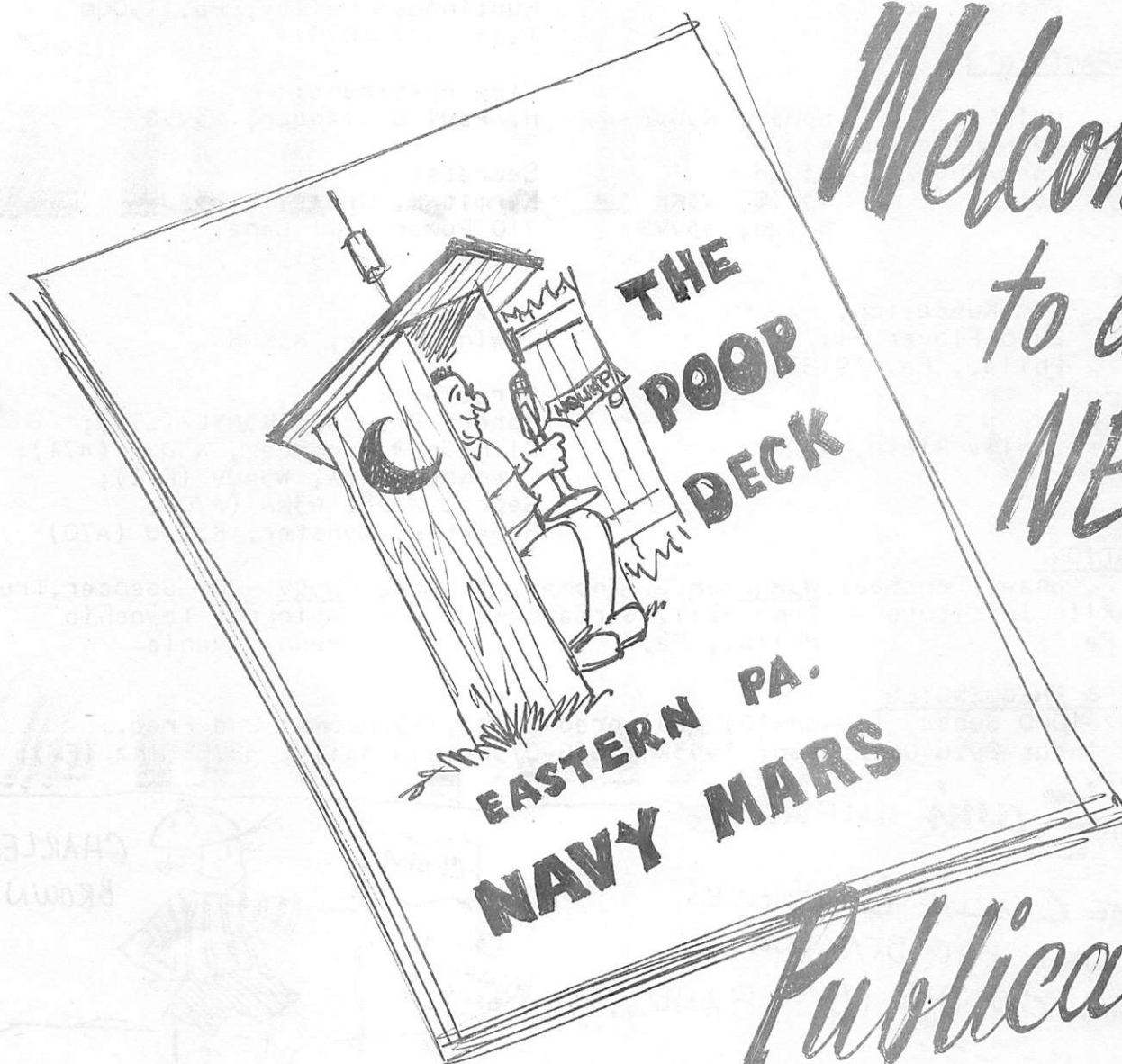


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29.493mhz-1000 Sunday (10-on-10) monitored daily; 29.626mhz 2nd Freq.;
repeater input 29.640mhz open; 3993khz SSB-0730-0845 daily; 52.525mhz (FM);
147.78mhz.

Sam's HALF ACRE

SOME CHARLIE BROWNS
ARE ALL BUT STAKING A
CLAIM ON THE 10M. BAND...

NEXT?



THE PREZ SEZ

This year's annual stag night was a resounding success. I don't know if it was the Delaware County location or the chance to visit Jon's combination bachelor pad and amateur radio display room. Whatever it was - it was right. It seems to me that it has been five years since we had such a turnout. Those of you who missed this meeting really missed out. There is absolutely no reason why every mid-month and regular meeting can't have such a fine turnout. After all fellows, it's the mid-month meeting where most of the business of the club is transacted. So lets all try to make it to Bob's place this month. Maybe he will give us a ride on his new train.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest member into the fold. Bob, WA3LLK is probably the most active station on Channel 1, and with Grampa (W3SGR) the most active family. Bobby, welcome; I'm sure you will be an asset to the club. Now, how about some other second and third generation types like Tom Bohlander, Rick Spencer, Jay Joret, Etc.

73's

Dick, W3WXC

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	May 4, 1970	8PM Regular Meeting, Franklin Institute. Program: A Super-Colossal W3ADV production.
Wednesday	May 13, 1970	8PM Mid-Month, QTH of W3QZ0

April Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of PMRC was held on April 6, 1970 in the Franklin Institute. It was called to order by the president at 2015.

The minutes of the March regular and midmonth meetings were read and approved.

W3QOH showed a G.E. high split FM receiver. There are four available at \$20 each. He also gave a rundown on repeater operation and FCC proposals concerning them. A brief report on the FM repeater meeting held at King of Prussia on March 28 was given also by W3QOH.

There was no Franklin Institute report.

Philmont pictures were taken by the Bulletin on Saturday, April 5.

The Field Day report was given by W3KH. It was very brief.

W3KNH is working on social activities. A stag dinner will be held at the Timbers Restaurant on April 15.

K3UWO gave a report on interclub activities. A meeting of the SJRA will be addressed by the Atlantic Division Director. Forty (40) meter Dx hounds are again warned about working forbidden zones.

K3TKZ had no Bylaws committee report.

K3NYL is our new Protocol and Procedures chairman.

W3OWK had no Membership Committee report.

The visitors were introduced by W3VVS. There were about 31. Among the visitors were eight members of the Explorer Scouts Station 6 from Center Square.

Treasurers report by K3KNH showed \$596.53 in the treasury. Eight-two members have paid their dues.

Prizes were won by W3GIF, WA3JMV, K3EUF, KØFYD/3, W3KN, and one gentlemen with no call.

Under new business: the Waxerama will be held on Saturday, May 9. Rain date, May 16. Waxerama: cleaning and waxing of our Communications vehicle.

The program was introduced by Sam, K3RTR, NØUKP. The program consisted of a very fine description of the MARS organization given by Chief Pfrangen, U.S.N. Also, a very interesting and informative film describing aircraft carriers from the USS Langley up to the most modern ones.

Coffee and cake were served and the meeting adjourned at 2230.

Respectfully submitted,
K.B. Crowell, W3AJ0, Secretary

From the Northern Reporter

We had a mess of blarney printed up ahead but it was displaced by a comment by John W3AES at one of the meetings and needs considerable illumination since it is key to that favorite subject of the NR's called "spirit". Nobody paid attention to the seemingly innocuous comment - "why don't we limit the membership to 100 members" Well this subject goes back a long way and has to do with the young fellow now old with not so much hair (now) (also then) who agitated to open the membership from a tightly knit "100" to a now loosely mess of Lord knows how many? AES had no support at the meeting from the masses because this subject called spirit is difficult to deal with when traded off with a number of lesser problems that seem to loom large but are not really. It is very easy to get beaten down on that subject as it is in any subject dealing with group dynamics - the loud and valuable talkers usually can swamp the floor and sway the sheep with meaningless eloquent comments. That's why we have politicians. Well John has plenty of support from this NR and I will tell you why. First let me get a dig in to that Western character who put us in the position we are now in, in hopes we can arouse his pen prowess to make with equal time. He sure quit fast the last time. First lets roll out the time worn and really unimportant arguments as to reasons why we should keep the membership open to come-one-come-all and then we will get to the meat of why we should limit the membership to a fixed number and 100 is as good as any - it could be something else. 'Tis well first to review what has happened in ten years since the membership was opened up. What has it done for us - the results in terms of the lack of spirit are pretty obvious - no more campaigning, no more filling up the Institute auditorium with meetings, no brass banding, nobody stepping up to give the President an assist in the areas he needs it most, lackluster meetings with low attendance, tough to get committee members in key spots, double the workload on the Pres., and it goes on and on. True it brings in \$60 to \$80 more of dues along with a pile of dead wood - and casting no reflections on any particular soul - so to keep Ernie quiet, raise the dues to cover the difference. That should answer the cash problem (which we really don't need) - and there are other ways to do it. The illusion is that open membership brings more cash to the coffers - a little but for what price? It also brings in many new faces many new friends - why discriminate - come one come all lots more people - more fun.

How can we be so wrong?

Well the results you now well know from this seemingly unimportant rule change made many years ago. It takes a long time for the effects to be seen - several years. John put his finger on the key argument when he said - People want to belong and to participate -- with a closed club. They want in ! They want to participate ! Some will say there is no difference by today's rules - and that is where they are very wrong. We are dealing with well known psychological facts - belonging - exclusiveness - participation. Well the NR may have you won over half way and now you are hanging on a balance - what will tip the scale the other way - how do we implement the

The NR Cont'd

"in group philosophy" once more - do we simply limit the membership to some fixed number? That won't do it - but that in combination with another action will. Try this on for size by asking what happened to the once all powerful "membership committee" Do you remember how ole Frank W3LNO and a few other strong and influential characters used to look over every new member with a fine tooth comb and most important judged the new prospective member by what "participation" the new member signed up for on the membership blank? One fellow was taken in over another because he expressed an interest in participating and knew that his contribution was the key to his being ACCEPTED in the In Group. We never knew who the out group was but that's of no concern. The membership committee was the strongest committee in the club - because everyone knew that Frank would report at the meetings (like religion) that this fellow had this to offer us as a PARTICIPATOR over another fellow. Humans are strange people and act like they do because they are strange people. The NR goes on like he was revealing some new "thing". The subject is very old and very well written up by authors like McGregor, Freud, Whyte and many others. I wish we could get Doc Dillon to expound on the technicalities of these strange bodies called people instead of a character who went through a half dozen books, couple of years of psyc and T group training. Now of course some will think that since this degrading process has taken place for so long and most of the members are brought into the club under the present "nothing" rules that they are automatically no goodnicks - how far from the truth. (But let us suppose that when you joined you had to sign up for a committee to get in - it was a key to your membership - you were expected to contribute because you said so as a condition of belonging -- would you be performing -- you can bank your bottom dollar you would be in the swim of things and loving it because everyone else was also trying to contribute. Well we won't get turned around over nite but if you buy some of the arguments the very next action is to close the membership and recycle the whole bit. It is a darn good time to do it with the membership at 55% of normal signed on the dotted line. The other 45% don't want to even participate to the effort of signing their name or coming through with the dues - our expectations for participation are very low so we get what we expect. WHO NEEDS THEM ANYWAY? P.S. Where does this leave the N.R.? (Don't answer that) John - why don't you keep quiet.

This is just a few informal words to express my appreciation to the Navy Mars group for their activity at the April Philmont Mobile Radio Club meeting. I am not in a position to officially thank all you men for showing up, but I personally appreciated it. It was the first time that I was able to meet some of the people attached to the voices that I hear on the air. There can be some surprises at times like that. There is nothing that can quite take the place of face to face contact. I enjoyed what I could interpret from Sam's talk. nobody can deny that NOUKP is a dedicated Navy Mars member. NOASD was interesting, although I do not think that he completely got across the feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment that exists after delivering a marsgram to an unsuspecting loved one at home. I do agree with Del on the subject of emergency communications facilities and the ability to operate in emergency conditions. This of course is my first love in radio as evidenced by my mobile activities. I still wish that I had emergency capability at the home station. While the meeting was not a recruiting drive, I am sure that it helped stir up some interest.

Bob, NOTIB/K3UWO

Northern Reporter Cont'd

institute rig. We need to set up a long haul ground wave test for the new rig - 50 miles out at the NR location it sounds like K3GBA looking down our down spout - boy wat a signal. IIMKO came on the T on T net with about 40 db signal over - from Piacenza Italy - Carlo. Very unusual MUF conditions - We were disappointed W3D\$G didn't go back to him in Italiano - Did you see that ruckus in the Blurbs written allegedly by that Western Reporter - as usual he had all the garbage facts up. His counsel said he was not going to rise to the very important occasion of responding to the QRM but Molly goaded him into it - the power behind the "thrown" Don't pay any attention to the WR because he can't dis-tort the facts correctly - it only can be done here. Next time we will continue on the subject of Planned Obsolescence in the auto industry and some of the stuff that goes on in ham radio. We are running out of gas - put this along side of your pipe and tobacco until next month - or you will be completely lost -----and since it will soon be against the law to smoke ---well-----you figure it out - by the way there is only one fellow who can translate these fine compositions and his metabolism is way up there - so ask him if you are confused-- there are too many Northern Reporters reporting for them to know what this all about. One NR was very sick when he saw the two blank pages sent out last time in this fine rag and he was really supposed to quit about half way back but we must use up all of that 6 cents you characters are paying. Arriveridici-- Now about those cars-rigs-----

SWAP AND SHOP

For Sale: Heath HW-12A, mobile power supply, mike, bumper mount, Webster 75M Big K antenna. Perfect condition. \$175.00. Gerard A. Baldauf, W3WX, 175 Wernersville Blvd., Wernersville, Pa. 19565. Phones: 678-3980, 929-7694

Vistors at the last meeting

WØDRO
W2BZ
W2EFC
W3HKZ
K3ECV
WA2ILW

Odds and Ends

W3QQH was listening on Channel 1 while mobile in Florida. He heard W3PXY calling a W5; Spencer couldn't get his car turned around fast enough to get his whip pattern headed North to contact ole' "NR".

While Jim and Elaine stopped in at a motel in Florida, they found a QSL from W3ADV waiting for them, since Fred and Emma had stopped there the night before. When Jim and Elaine were ready to leave, Bob and Mary Sutter, W3SOB drove in. What is the name of this ham "honeymoon" motel?

W3KN gave WA3KLR an old LINK SOUFS transmitter. WA3KLR will rework the rig for 52.525 mcs and install at the Drexel Institute ham station. Anyone have a receiver which can be modified for 52.525 mcs and willing to donate? See WA3KLR if you have one to spare.

The editor takes it upon herself to mention the programs that have entertained and informed us these past few months. There is always a big advance press.. and of course.. many thanks after the program.. but it seems that no one gets around to saying anything in the Blurb..which we all know has a great circulation.....

One other thank you from the Editor goes to my right hand.. Shelly Klein, without whom we really couldn't have a paper..to Sam Kunceovich, WA3CNI whose art work is an identifying feature of "The Blurb",... Of course the left hand is all the others who print and fold and mail the Blurb to its eagerly awaiting readers...wonder what the editor does do??????

Over 8 years ago the Institute asked the Club to sponsor what they called a Junior Radio Club. At that time I undertook the matter and have handled it ever since. This was not without some help from some members at times and others as well. Since there has been a change in my pursuit of a livelihood, I find that I cannot devote anymore time to this effort.

At this point it has practically fallen by the way side, but it should be picked up by someone in the interest of the club and for the good of amateur radio. In the past we have been able to provide some assistance for those who were only fledglings in amateur radio and sought a helping hand in one way or another. They were those who were not in need of class work but the clarification of some theoretical point, some ideas in construction, the idea of how to tune the antenna to load the transmitter properly or possibly how to construct a monitor or similar gadget.

In the past we have had many fellows who have gone on to advance from the very beginning of simply the interest to the ultimate of the Extra Class License. Now it is not true that all of them have progressed that far but the joy of having helped the boys grow is truly a fine reward.

To emphasize my point of having this effort continued is a case that has just happened. Sometime ago (about a year) a young fellow wrote to me telling me that he was interested in becoming a radio amateur, but felt he lacked the finances and did not know how to go about it. (He has a paper route and did not have much money). I answered his letter and informed him how to proceed by getting the books and also that the Institute was also running classes. It was also explained that with careful consideration he could get started with very little expense.

Since the last meeting in February I received another letter from him advising me that he had completed the course at the Institute and he was now the proud holder of a Novice license. In the first letter to him I also told him of the jr. group. In his recent letter to me he asked how he can now join the group. I regret that I had to inform him that the group was not meeting at present and I could not be of further help at this point.

We speak of the Club not progressing. To progress, we must support such effort as this even though we cannot do the actual work. There are others who can do the work if we give them the support. I cannot continue, regrettably, but it should not die as there are others who can do the work and many others who need the help. Let us revive "EVERY SINGLE MINUTE".

Lloyd, W3CDY

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